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**SUBJECT: SIDNEY KORSHAK** 

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It is noted that the Bureau has several pending cases involving the Rivièra Hotel and its operation including the following:

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"RIVIERA HOTEL, Las Vegas, Nevada, JAMES R. HOFFA, ET AL, AR", (Las Vegas file 92-768);

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"JAMES R. HOFFA, California Life Insurance Company, ET AL, ACCOUNTING AND FRAUL, (Las Vegas file 62-213).

It is noted that all of these cases are associated and connected with Riviera Hotel investigation in the Las Vegas, Nevada area.

Information developed by previously identified Las Vegas sources shows an important involvement in these operations by KORSHAK. KORSHAK has continuously been identified as an attorney representing the hoodlum element in the Los Angeles, Lalifornia, and Chicago, Illinois areas.

The Los Angeles Office, in referenced airtel, advised that KORSHAK is not subject of an active investigation under the Criminal Intelligence Program, and that due to his position as a prominent actorney, and because of the Bureau's previous instructions that any KORSHAK investigation be handled in a circumspect marner, they do not desire to write a report or make KORSHAK a subject of an active investigation under the Criminal Intelligence Program.

It is noted, however, that the Las Vegas Office has no current report on KORSHAK, no background information, and no current photograph, and often learns of KORSHAK's presence in Las Vegas either after he has departed or is about to leave the Las Vegas, Nevada area. This situation severely hampers any adequate investigation of KORSHAK and his activities in the Riviera Hotel operation.

The Las Vegas Office believes that KORSHAK is one of the keys to the Riviera Hotel and Casino operation, that while any investigation of KORSHAK should definitely be discreet and circumspect in every detail, that still an active investigation on KORSHAK should be conducted.

The Las Vegas Office believes that current background and photographs of KORSHAK will be most desirable
in an effort to determine KORSHAK's activities and that
ascertaining his movements, contacts, and activities concerning the Riviera Hotel should be ascertained. According to
the referenced Los Angeles airtel, the Los Angeles Office is
currently designated as Office of Origin in this case, and
since KORSHAK travels to the Chicago and Las Vegas areas only
on business trips at designated times, it is believed by the
Las Vegas Office that the Los Angeles Office should continue
to be designated as the Office of Origin.

The Las Vegas Office has considerable information in its files concerning KORSHAK and his activities that should be reported, but has no background information on KORSHAK nor any current report to refer to on KORSHAK.

The Bureau's opinions and desires in this case are requested.

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Program," and Las Vegas airtel 4-12-63, captioned as above.

Information has been reported by the Chicago, Los Angeles and Las Vegas Offices disclosing Sidney Korshak's close association with the organized criminal element. The Bureau has previously advised that in view of Korshak's position as a prominent attorney, that the Bureau's inquiry regarding him must be handled in a most circumspect manner.

The Chicago and Las Vegas Offices should thoroughly review your files regarding Korshak and furnish all information to the office of origin, Los Angeles. Upon receipt of this material, the Los Angeles Office should prepare a letterhead memorandum and forward it to the Bureau and the Chicago and Las Vegas Offices. It would not be appropriate at this time prepare an investigative report regarding Korshak.

Efforts should also be made to obtain a photograph of the subject and forward it to interested offices. Los Angeles should insure that Kershak's activities are closely followed, however, inquiry should be restricted to established mources and informants to preclude Kershak of becoming aware of the Bureau's interest in him.

This matter must be vigorously pursued and the Bureau kept advised of all developments.

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NOTE:

Sidney Korshak, who was originally closely connected with prominent heedlums in the Chicago area, currently maintains a law office in Los Angeles. Information has been received that Korshak continues his close association with prominent hoddlums and a confidential source has recently reported that Korshak is connected with the Nevada gaming casinos. In view of Korshak's residence in Los Angeles, Los Angeles being designated effice of origin. Instructions being issued that a letterhead memorandum be prepared by Los Angeles incorporating information in the Las Vegas and Chicago files.

Special Agent in Charge

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that appears in the Las Vegas Office files, with the exception where the information has also previously been furnished to Los Angeles, the Office of Origin, and is maintained by the Los Angeles Office in their files. It is noted that the Los Angeles Office has been instructed to prepare a letterhead memorandum by the Bureau concerning KORSHAK.

In preparing this memorandum, the location of the information as maintained by the Las Vegas Office will be shown or set out at the beginning of each paragraph.

The following information is maintained in SIDNEY KORSHAK's main file, Las Vegas File number 92-126, and contains the following information concerning KORSHAK.

The following information is from who furnished information to SA on the dates indicated:

3/20/61, SIDNEY KORSHAK reported at the Riviera Hotel, has stayed at the Desert Inn Hotel in the past or at MORRIS B. DALITZ's home located on the Desert Inn Hotel grounds.

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On 3/20/61, he called at the Desert Inn Hotel. It will be noted that had recently purchased a 2% interest in

On 4/5/61, advised that a Desert Inn executive had issued the following directive:
"When Mr. SIDNEY KORSHAK was here 2/3-4 and 5 during DINAH SHORE's opening performances, there was a with him and the folio shows a transfer of room charges to the account of SIDNEY KORSHAK. The total amount was \$33.60. Mr. KORSHAK's account was complimented. Should this amount be complimented also?"

On 6/2/61, advised that on 5/28/61 was called by SIDNEY KORSHAK, who was staying at the Riviera Hotel.

During recent weeks, KORSHAK has been in and out of Las Vegas on several occasions. While he previously stayed at the Desert Inn Hotel during recent visits, he has stayed at the Riviera Hotel.

On 11/13/61, advised that on 11/11/61 SIDNEY KORSHAK was at the Riviera Hotel and that he was in contact with at the Desert Inn Hotel.

On 7/21/62 source advised that MORRIS B. DALITZ was contacted by SIDNEY KORSHAK who left message that DALITZ should contact KORSHAK at the Riviera Hotel.

On 10/19/62 source advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK was in New York City on 10/17/62 and was contacted by the Desert Inn Hotel, telephone number Circle 7-0300.

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On 3/18/63 source advised that on 3/14/63 of the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, attempted to contact SIDNEY KORSHAK at telephone number GR 6-2281 in Van Nuys, California, but eventually reached him at GR 5-4889 in Beverly Hills, California.

On 4/3/63 source advised that on this date attempted to contact SIDNEY KORSHAK at GR 6-2281 in West Los Angeles, California, and at telephone number Randolph 6-2038 in Chicago. was unable to locate KORSHAK at either location.

The following information has been furnished by to SA on dates indicated:

On 4/16/62 source advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK was at the Riviera Hotel on Sunday, 4/15/62 and was being paged.

On 8/21/62 source advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK was at the Riviera Hotel on 8/20/62, that he had a long earnest talk with

On 10/11/62 source advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK came in the Riviera Hotel last Sunday night, but was not there on Wednesday evening.

On 1/21/62 source advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK was at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was staying in the Presidential Suite, which is his usual accommodation at this hotel. He was seen talking to an attorney

most of the night in the Hickory Room and at the small bar. This source further advised that KORSHAK and generally represent opposing factions within the hotel itself.

On 1/7/63 source advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK was present on the opening performance of the DEBBIE REYNOLDS show at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On 2/5/63 source advised that KORSHAK was at the Riviera Hotel during night of 2/4-5/63 and is planning to leave hotel sometime during day of 2/5/63.

On 4/5/63 source advised that the Riviera Hotel in

on one side, and and and others on the opposite side, and that at the present time, KORSHAK's faction appear to have the controlling interest and operate the hot'l in manners that suit themselves.

and SIDNEY KORSHAK.

The following information on SIDNEY KORSHAK was furnished by on the dates indicated:

Con 1/63 source advised that

Las Vegas, Nevada, and

who resides in the Las Vegas, Nevada, area, was interested
in buying SIDNEY KORSHAK's interest in the Riviera Hotel and
Casino located in Las Vegas, Nevada. It will be noted that
SIDNEY KORSHAK is a resident of the Chicago, Illinois,
area, that he is a notorious criminal attorney with practices
in Los Angeles and Chicago, Illinois. It will also be noted

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that the Nevada Gaming Control Board records failed to reflect that KORSHAK is an owner of record of any stock or interest in the Riviera Hotel, Inc., the holder of the unrestricted gambling license and the lessees of the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, from the Gensbro Corporation, which owns the real estate known as the Riviera Hotel.

(This information was furnished in the report of dated 2/13/63 entitled "RIVIERA HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA" a copy of which was furnished the Los Angeles Office.

On\_12/12/62 an attorney met with accountant. attorney for and accountant. advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK was to act as a "go between" between the made up of and in the sale of the property in Las Vegas. Nevada. owned by KURSHAK reported to have advised that it would be all right for "us" to sign the option agreement and that would also sign, but that KORSHAK "is to keep control." KORSHAK was to keep the signed option and agreements in his personal possession and will later deliver them in final form. advised that a Los Angeles attorney, had been talking to KORSHAK and KORSHAK will hold all the papers as agent. KORSHAK remarked that if we check with ] they will or know the reason for KORSHAK keeping the papers. stressed that he did not know the reason for operating in this manner and stated there was no legal basis for this but that he had checked with and that stated he understood the reason and to go ahead in the manner indicated by KORSHAK.

remarked that this type of operation did not make sense to him and there was some reason why these documents should be held by KORSHAK which he did not understand.

claimed to have told and and about this and they both stated to go anead.

advised that therefore these papers will be signed before SIDNEY ever gets them and he will hold them as our agent.

expressed curiosity as to why it was being done in this matter and stated there were many things he had not understood through the years that may go back to the old days where there could have been outside agreements. He stated that and himself have not understood why they have to do things in certain ways and it makes no sense as far as they are concerned.

It is particularly interested and significant to note that SIDNEY KORSHAK is to maintain custody of the documents conveying the and his associates. As indicated to the reason for this was unknown to him at this time, however, it must relate to some previous ties ET AL had with people represented by KORSHAK. For several years KORSHAK is known to have been closely associated with members of the Chicago criminal syndicate headded by SAMUEL GIANCANA. It is very possible that KORSHAK is representing Chicago group in the above negotiations.

It is also significant that indicated that in the past, such information has been kept from and himself and that they were merely advised to do certain things in a certain manner.

(Los Angeles should note that a copy of this information was furnished this office by Las Vegas sirtel to the Bureau dated 12/21/62 entitled

On 12/20/62 informant advised that returned to Las Vegas on the previous night and on this date met with at the Desert Inn Hotel. inquired of ad to why SIDNEY KORSHAK had been made custod an of the contracts for the sale of the this was highly unusual and he could see no legal basis for this action. explained to that the reason for this was because did not want his minority stockholders had been sold until he had an opportunity to to know talk to each of them personally. For this reason requested that KORSHAK maintain temporary custody of the contract papers. This explanation was apparently satisfactory explained that this arrangement was agreed upon after Los Angeles attorney.

contacted and stated he had had lunch with KORSHAK and wanted to know if it would be all right to turn the papers over to KORSHAK. Stated he told he did not understand but agreed to do so if he first received the approval of either or

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(It will be noted by the Los Angeles Office that no copy of this information was furnished the Los Angeles Office).

On 10/5, of source advised that SIDNAY KORSHAK Chicago attorney met at the Desert Inn Hotel with

accountant. inquired of KORSHAK as to who dreamed up the "gimmick" whereby

would get his money for the over a 17 year period. KORSHAK replied that he had something to do with it and believed he would get away with it.

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They discussed what was possible purchase of the by the and associates.

advised on 10/5/62 that on this date an individual believed to be identical with SIDNEY KORSHAK. Chicao attorney, met at the Desert Inn Hotel with and inquired of KURSHAK as to who dreamed up the simmick whereby would get his money for the over 17 years. Their conversation was as follows.

KORSHAK:

I say he is going to do it.

I'll bet you \$500 that he won't do it.

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If I had everything to do with it and nobody else

was involved - - .

Now you've got an if in the deal. I just don't think you can pull this off.

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of by the again turned to the possible purchase and his associates. KORSHAK plane with earlier

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in the day and would had talked to him for one hour. KORSHAK stated he would get ahold of the land KORSHAK, and would meet together later in the day.

From the conversation, some difficulty had apparently arisen in connection with the \$6,000,000.00 Teamster loan. The Teamster Fund officials insisted on a "gambling clause" being included in the contract. This apparently provided that in the event gambling was outlawed in the state of Nevada, that the Fund would have the option of foreclosing on the property The Teamster group als apparently insisted that insured for its full amount even though they had a mortgage for only \$6,000,000.00. and the others were opposed to this condition in the contract. In connection with this, contacted Rank of Las Vegas and suggested get in touch with accountant for the Fund in Chicago, and see it something agreeable could not be worked out. In his telephonic conversation with stated that SIDNEY KORSHAK and are in town and they are going to meet with and He stated that sometimes these people can settle things on the basis that lawyers can't and as a consequence he suggested they hold their discussions in abeyance until after the aforementioned meeting.

The connection KORSHAK has with the above-named individuals is not clear, however, it is possible that he is either representing in the deal with the or he is representing the Teamster's Pension Fund in Chicago There is also the possibility that since KORSHAK is a cluse associate of the Chicago criminal syndicate, that he may have been at the hotel representing this group.

(Los Angeles should note they received copy of the above information as furnished in Las Vegas airtel to the Director dated 10/16/62, entitled,

On 2/4/63 source advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK had a long discussion with and at the Desert Inn Hotel re gambling enterprises in Las vegas, Nevada, and their prospects. He also began discussing the Riviera Hotel operation where Inc. had recently been replaced.

KORSHAK advised that had not come up with one "good thing" (conventions, etc) for the hotel in two years. KORSHAK commented that here was a man with only 2½% interest in the hotel shoving me around. He used to steal \$100 a day from the hotel in his own cute way. KORSHAK advised that was the source to the newspapers that he was the attorney for the Cleveland interests in the Desert Inn Hotel operation, even though he now denies it.

It is interesting to note that KORSHAK has no interest of record at the Desert Inn Hotel by records maintained by the Nevada Gaming Control Board, yet he is quite disgusted that who owns only 2½% in the hotel tried to push him/around. He also advised on this date that the United States Department of Justice plans to try to catch someone like for himself leaving Las Vegas with some of the cash by stopping and searching them, claiming that they have information that they are carrying narcotics. KORSHAK commented that BOBBY KENNEDY has not been successful in his fight against the organized criminal element to date and is "getting desperate."

(Los Angeles Office should note that a copy of this information was furnished to them in Las Vegas sirtel to Bureau dated 2/7 and 2/13/63, entitled,

MORRIS B. DALITZ was interviewed in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 3/8/61 by SAs and and advised among other things during this interview that SIDNEY KORSHAK, an attorney from Chicago, Illinois, had purchased some 1,000 seats at the first championship fight to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. DALITZ stated that KORSHAK represents several of the "big name acts" which play Las Vegas and also "represents some of these Chicago hoodlums."

Las Vegas, Nevada, confidentially advised SA on 12/19/62, that on the night of he talked with SIDNEY KORSHAK, well known attorney from chicago, Illinois, at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. It is noted Las Vegas has

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furnished previous information to the Bureau concerning talks between KORSHAK and wherein KORSHAK has furnished information.

KORSHAK advised that the sale of the properties from to the was completed on 12/18/62. He did not go into the terms of the sale but made the statement that "it was all wrapped up today."

of the Riviera Hotel since the murder of dus GREENBAUM approximately two years ago, will be leaving the Riviera Hotel very shortly. KCRSHAK stated has been wanting "to get out of the Riviera Hotel" for several months and has finally decided to allow him to leave and sell his interests.

KORSHAK made reference to the recent arrests of aka. Chicago hoodlum, who was arrested by the CCSO on charge of drunk on 12/12/62, and was again arrested on early morning of 12/16/62, on charge of failure to register as ex-felon.

stating that "punks like" have no pusiness coming to Las Vegas since they can only cause trouble and bring disrepute to the gambling industry." KORSHAK stated that he would make an observation that would not return to Las Vegas for quite some time in view of the publicity he received as a result of the two arrests.

KORSHAK apparently had also heard of an instance

KORSHAK told

the Attorney General, would use the FBI to Clean up the gambling industry." He said that if this occurred. it would not be good for the State of Nevada.

stated that KORSHAK has continually exhibited a very friendly attitude

stated that on every occasion that he has talked with KORSHAK KORSHAK has continually emphasized that

Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on 4/3/63 that he had received information that SIDNEY KORSHAK was due to arrive at the Riviera Hotel sometime late 4/2/63 to attend the Riviera Hotel board meeting.

The following information was obtained from a review of the Las Vegas indices and files:

92-466-299, page 4. Information concerning KORSHAK contained in Los Angeles letter to the Director dated 5/16/62, entitled, " aka."

92-466-136, pages C and 52. Information re KORSHAK contained in the report of SA Los Angeles, entitled, axa."

92-466-325, page 18. Information contained in report of SA determined at the dated 8/13/63 at Los Angeles, aka."

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92-466-155, page 53. Information concerning KORSHAK contained in report of SAll Los Angeles, entitled, aka."

92-466-260. Information re KORSHAK contained in Los Angeles airtel to the Director dated 3/21/62, entitled, aka."

92-461-549. advised SA on 8/4/61 MORRIS DALITZ called SIDNEY KORSHAK at Chicago telephone number RA 6-2038 but that this call was eventually cancelled.

92-461-382, page 14. Information concerning KORSHAK furnished the Los Angeles Office through a copy of Las Vegas airtel to the Director dated 2/14/61, entitled, "MORRIS BARNEY DALITZ." This source is now known as

92-461-427 advised SA on 3/20/61 that splaced a call to SIDNEY KORSHAK on 3/17/61 at Randolph 6-2038 in Chicago but eventually reached him at GR 6-1937 in Los Angeles, California. Shortly thereafter called at Randolph 6-2468 in Chicago, Illinois.

92-461-469. advised on 5/10/61 that called SIDNEY KORSHAK on 5/8/61 at telephone number Granite 6-1937 in Los Angeles, California.

92-461-491. advised SA on the SIDNEY KORSHAK is back in town and staying at the Riviera Hotel.

On 5/28/61 KORSHAK attempted to contact both DALITZ and

on 9/15/61 that on 9/14/61 contacted SIDNEY KORSHAK in Chicago, Illinois, at telephone number RA 6-2038.

92-461-683. advised SA on the on 1/17/62 that on 1/10/62 MORRIS B. DALITZ called SIDNEY KORSHAK at Granite 6-1937 and also attempted to contact him in Palm Springs, California.

92-461-699. advised SA on 1/22/62 that on 1/19/62 SIDNEY KORSHAK called from Los Angeles telephone number Granite 6-2231 and asked to speak to either MORRIS DALITZ or

92-423-115. Information re KORSHAK furnished Los Angeles via Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 12/8/63, entitled, "Activities of Top Hoodlums, Chicago area." Copy of information furnished to Los Angeles file 92-642 and information on page 20%.

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92-423-135 information concerning KORSHAK furnished Los Angeles via Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 2/27/62, entitled as entry above.

92-423-99. Information concerning KORSHAK furnished Los Angeles via Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 6/27/61, entitled as above two entries. (Pages 2, 3, and 6).

92-423-38, pages 5 and 27. Information re KORSHAK furnished the Los Angeles Office in Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 10/25/60 entitled as above communication and designated for Los Angeles Office file 92-789.

92-308-355, page 18. Information re KORSHAK furnished Los Angeles in report of SA dated 12/22/62 in Chicago entitled, "SAMUEL M. GIANCANA, aka." (Los Angeles file 92-135).

92-308-53, page IJ. Information contained in administrative pages IG through J of report of SA dated 12/1/60 at Chicago, entitled, "SAMUEL M. GIANCANA, aka." No copy for Los Angeles. Information was furnished by on 10/24/60 reflecting that during discussion between and MURRAY HUMPREYS, SIDNEY KORSHAK, the attorney, was mentioned. The financing of the Fremont Hotel

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addition in Las Vegas, Nevada, was the main topic of duscussion was working to set up the deal for SAM GIANCANA. and SIDNEY KORSHAK met with some people and later told to "stay out of it." then contacted some other i to "stay out of it." then contacted some other influent friends and supposedly straightened the thing out with SIDNEY then contacted some other influential KORSHAK. also stated that JAMES HOFFA dromised SIDNEY KORSHAK that belonged to claimed that he went to HUFFA and stated with the otherwise unidentified but helieved to be such as in deal through won't get it (the loan) at all.

Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA

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on 4/21/09 that he had met an attorney from chicago,
llinois, who frequents Las Vegas, Nevada, a great deal, by
the name of SIDNEY KORSHAK. PCI advised that KORSHAK
reportedly represents the Desert Inn, the Stardust, and Sands
Hotels, in Chicago, and the eastern portions of the U. S.
PCI stated that KORSHAK is probably aware of any undisclosed
interests held in these hotels by Chicago individuals or groups.

92-467-353, pages 8 and 10. Information concerning KORSHAK and report of SALL dated 11/22/61 at Los Angeles, entitled, aka."

92-467-405, pages 49 and 133. Information re KORSHAK contained in report of SA to the dated 3/10/63 at Los Angeles, entitled, aka."

92-467-519. page 11. Information re KORSHAK contained in report of SA dated 9/14/62 at Los Angeles, entitled, aka.

92-467-602, pages 8 and 12. Information re KORSHAK contained in report of SAME dated 2/25/63 at Los Angeles, entitled, aka.

92-21-46 advised SA on 1/12/61 that who owns has been negotiating with groups in Chicago and New York to secure approximately \$1,000,000. The source did not know whether this had been accomplished to data and does not know identity of the source. This source further advised that when the property at cleared, may sell, but source doubtrul this will take place for one year. SIDNEY KORSHAK a Chicago and Los Angeles attornsy, is very close to both and associates KORSHAK has been in frequent contact with and fise with Los Angeles. If a deal is worked out to dispose of the it will probably be \_rranged by and through KORSHAK. Both would have to agree to the terms since and associates) has a long term lease on the property, which with options, runs for 30 years.

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92-28-58. advised SA on 2/6/61 that SIDNEY KORSHAK checked into the Desert Inn Hotel on 2/2/61 and checked out on 2/5/61. He listed his address as 2970 Lakeshore Drive in Chicago. On 2/3'61 he called at the Sauds Hotel, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

92-81-1. Information concerning KORSHAK is contained in the Los Angeles letter to Albany dated 11/16/59 and entitled, (Los Angeles file 92-705).

92-261-41, page 11. Background information on KORSHAK contained in report of SA dated 10/29/59 at Chicago, entitled, aka." (Los Angeles file 92-177).

92-363-352, page 2. advised SA on 5/15/61 that SIDNEY KORSHAK called at the Riviera Hotel at that time.

92-498-3, pages 33-35-36. Information concerning KORSHAK contained in report of SA dated dated 7/21/61, at Los Angeles, entitled, aka."

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92-506-36. Information re KORSHAK contained in Los Angeles airtel to Director dated 10/23/61, entitled, "JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING." (Los Angeles file 62-4945).

92-511-10, pages 311, 840, and 890. Background information on SIDNEY KORSHAK contained in report of SAC 9/29/61, at Las Vegas, and entitled, "Nevada Gambling Industry." A copy of this report was furnished the Los Angeles Office and information concerning KORSHAK is contained on pages 311, 840 and 890 this report.

92-551-1, page 112. Information re KORSHAK contained in report of SA dated 11/24/61 at Chicago entitled, the Los Angeles Office for their information.

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92-706-46. \ advised SA 3/4/63 that during the past couple of months, property in Las Vegas, Nevada, has made several trips to Las Vegas and has hear in frequent conferences with the leasees of mainly and associates. SIDNEY KURSHAK, a Los Angeles attorney. also has accompanied on several occasions. head accountant for from Los Angeles, California, area, has advised that has given an option to purchase the property. While the value of the property has been estimated at about \$15,000,000 for sale purposes, very little actual money will change hands. According to will probably exercise option to buy after addition to building is completed. They agreed to an option rather than an out right sale in order to insure receipt of a loan from the Teamsters Pension Fund, which had previously been committed to

## LEADS:

## CHICAGO DIVISION

Will ascertain subscribers and telephone numbers called in effort to locate KORSHAK and ascertain who

subscribers were on dates these telephone numbers were called:

Randolph 6-2038 on 8/4/61 and 4/3/63 Randolph 6-2468 on 3/20/61:

will review Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 1/28/60 and note that pages 6. 7. 8 and 9 refer in a which is identical with and which is probably identical with all of whom are owners of record of the Las Yegas, Nevada.

Chicago is requested to review this information and furnish information pertinent to SIDNEY KORSHAK to the Los Angeles Office. It is noted that this information is contained in Las Vegas file 92-423-12.

## LOS ANGELES OFFICE

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Will ascertain the identity of subscribers of the telephone numbers listed below and called by persons attempting to locate KORSHAK in the Los Angeles, California area during the dates given:

GR 6-1937, on 5/10/61 GR 6-2281 on March or April, 1963 GR 5-4889, Beverly Hills on 3/14/63

who accompanied KORCHAK to opening of DINAH SHORE's show at Desert Inn Hotal.

#### NEW YORK OFFICE

Will attempt to ascertain the subscribers of the following numbers that were used in an attempt to locate KORSHAK in the New York City area and advise Office of Origin and Las Vegas:

Circle 7-0300 Oxford 7-5400

## SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

Salt Lake City is requested to review this information and check their indices and files and expeditiously furnish information in their files that has not been located in Las Vegas files and forward this information to Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Chicago so that the Los Angeles Office may possibly prepare a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination per Bureau instructions.

SAC, Los Angeles

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Director, FBI

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DATE: 8/13/63

SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-742) (P)

SUBJECT

SIDNEY KORSHAK, aka.

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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 7/22/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of letterhead memorandum concerning SIDNEY KORSHAK, based on material furnished by the Chicago and Las Vegas Offices and on information appearing in the Los Angeles file on KORSHAK. One copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the Chicago Office and one copy is being furnished to the Las Vegas Office. An extra copy of this memorandum has been retained by the Los Angeles Office in the event that dissemination of this memorandum would be made at a future date to the Cal office of the USA at Los Angeles.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
August 13, 1963

### SIDNEY R. KORSHAK

No specific investigation has been conducted concerning SIDNEY R. KORSHAK but information has come to the attention of the Bureau concerning this individual.

SIDNEY R. KORSHAK, Attorney, born in 1907; admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1930; has law offices at 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. KORSHAK is not known to have an office in California nor is he known to have been admitted to the practice of law in California.

#### Residence

KORSHAK resides from time to time in a home at 10624 Chalon Road, in the BelAir section of Los Angeles, California. 's of 1960 he had unlisted telephone number GR 6-1937.

The Grantor-Grantee Records of Los Angeles County, which give the legal description of the property at 10624 Chalon Road in the Bel Air section of Los Angeles, reflect that this property was granted to KORSHAK by deed from Karl's Shoe Stores Limited, a corporation. Internal Revenue stamps affixed to the granted deed in the amount of \$58.30 indicate that the purchase price of the property involved was approximately \$53,000. The deed reflected this transfer of property from Karl's Shoe Stores, Limited to SIDNEY KORSHAK was recorded on June 4, 1960.

In Chicago KORSHAK maintains a residence at 2970 Lake Shore Drive. In February, 1961, when KORSHAK was staying at the Desert Inn Hotel he reflected his home address as 2970 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

Information received from the Chicago Office reflects that KORSHAK maintains residences in New York, Las Vegas, Chicago, Los Angeles and a summer home in Paris,

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During an interview with SIDNEY KORSHAK in June, 1959, in Chicago, KORSHAK advised that he and his law partners maintain on a permanent basis Room 2001 in the Essex House in New York City. He stated at this time that he always maintains permanent rooms in the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, California. He also advised that he maintains permanent space in the Ocotillo Lodge in Palm Springs, California. Sime the purchase of his home at 10624 Chalon Road in BelAir, KORSHAK no longer maintains residence at the Beverly Hills Hotel on a permanent basis.

In 1960 the records of the County Assessor's Cffice for Los Angeles County reflect that BERNICE S. KORSIAK, the wife of SIDNEY KORSHAK, who listed her residence at 2970 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, was the owner of a home located at 5823 Bevis Avenue, Van Nuys, California, on which, during the year 1959, taxes were paid of \$308.20.

While visiting in Las Vegas, at which location KORSHAK spends time on an intermittent basis, he normally occupies the Presidential Suite of the Riviera Hotel, which is also occupied from time to time by JAMES R. HOFFA, when HOFFA visits Las Vegas, Nevada.

## Relatives

In 1958 during the course of an interview with SIDNEY R. KORSHAK in Chicago, KORSHAK advised that he was a friend of but only due to the fact that his wife, BERNICE, is a close friend of

MARSHALL KORSHAK, SIDNEY's brother, is a graduate of John Marshall Law School where he attended the night school of this institution. MARSHALL KORSHAK is a well-known attorney from Chicago and allegedly is a State Senator in the State of Illinois. Information developed by sources in Chicago in 1962

reflects that MARSHALL KORSHAK recently was a successful candidate for trustee of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago, is an Illinois State Senator and is Democratic Ward Committeeman of the Fifth Ward of Chicago. Both SIDNEY and MARSHALL, according to the Chicago source, are associated with each other in a law firm with offices at 134 North LaSalle in Chicago.

In November, 1962, an informant of the Chicage Office indicated that MARSHALL KORSHAK was the host of several individuals at the charity dinner for the "Cardinal Stritch Medical School of Lyola University." However, this informant believed that the cost of those ir lividuals at the dinner hosted by MARSHALL was paid for by SIDNEY KORSHAK.

On April 26, 1963, in Los Angeles, an armed robbery was committed on an office in a jet elry building and the victims were listed as and In connection with this matter, incormation was received from the Chicago Office that

to open a business but that is the true owner.

Information from the Chicago Office reflected that

In 1961 an informant of the Chicago Office advised concerning the organizational breakdown of the "outfit" in Chicago. This information reflected that handled the district in Chicago from 22nd Street South, covering the Hyde Park section for and According to this information, was handling the bookmaking activities in this area.

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In June, 1962, an informant of the Los Angeles Office advised that an individual had introduced himself to the informant as and advised the informant that he was in Los Angeles.

#### Credit

In 1960 the records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association at Los Angeles reflected that this organization had a file on KORSHAK since 1948. At that time, 1948, KORSHAK, age 40, and his wife, BERNICE, were residing at 200 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois. According to this record, KORSHAK was self-employed as an attorney at 134 North LaSalle Streat, Chicago, and his income was estimated to be over \$10,000 per year. This report further reflected that KORSHAK shared his offices with ALISSMAN; and ROTHMAN. It was recorded from Chicago in these credit records that KORSHAK was not known to have other sources of income or to own real estate and it was indicated that he had two children.

A Retail Merchants Credit Association report, dated January 12, 1948, reflected that KORSHAK resided at 1711 Coldwater Canyon, where he rented. An additional address was shown as 17031 Magnolia, Encino, California, in a later report of this organization, dated July 9, 1960, reflected that KORSHAK resided at 10624 Chalon, Los Angeles, California.

## Automobiles

In 1960, the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the State of California reflected that a 1960 Cadillac Convertible and a 1959 Fiat were registered as sole owner to SIDNIR. KORSHAK of 10624 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, California.

In 1960 one Vehicle Registration Records for the State of Illinois reflected that a Ghia was registered to S. R. Korshak at 2970 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

## Legal and Business Activities

Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

In April, 1963, an informant of the Las Vegas Office advised that the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, has two

opposing factions SIDNEY KORSHAK, on one side and and others on the opposite side, and that at the present time KORSHAK's faction appeared to have the controling interest and operate the hotel in manners that suit themselves. In January, 1963. informant of the Las Vegas Office recalled that an owner of records of Las vegas, Nevada, was interested in buying SIDNEY KORSHAK's interest in the Riviera Hotel and Casino located in Las Vegas, Nevada. It is noted that the Nevada Gaming Control Board records failed to reflect that KORSHAK is an owner of record of any stock or interest in the Riviera Hotel, Inc., which is the holder of the unrestricted gambling license and the lessee of the Riviera Hotel, in Las Vegas, Nevada, from the Gensbro Corporation, which owns the real estate known as the Riviera Hotel.

In January, 1962, KORSHAK, according to an informant of the Las Vegas Office, was at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was staying in the Presidential Suite, which is his usual accommodation at the hotel. On this occasion, KORSHAK was observed talking to

particular occasin, KORSHAK and were observed to have talked most of the night. KORSHAK and according to information received from Las Vegas, generally represent opposing factions within the hotel itself.

KORSHAK was also present at the opening performance of the DEBBIE REYNOLDS show at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada in January, 1963.

An informant of the Las Vegas Office advised in 1963 that was fired by kurshak for alleged dishonesty and incompetence.

# Las Vegas, Nevada

In December, 1962, an informant of the Las Vegas Office advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK was to act as a "go between" between the and in the sale of the property in Las Vegas, Nevada, owned by

According to the informant, KORSHAK was to keep the signed option and agreements in his personal possession concerning this transaction. Informant did not know the reason for KORSHAK retaining the papers but believed it may have resulted from some old outside agreements that KORSHAK had with some of the parties involved.

Earlier in October, 1962 the Las Vegas informant had advised that some difficulty had arisen in connection with the \$6,000,000 Teamsters loan on the sale of property which involved a gambling club and informant indicated that the and KORSHAK were going to meet with and concerning this matter, informants of the Las Vegas Office naving reported and observed numerous contacts between KORSHAK, and during the period from late 1961 through 1963 on intermittent trips that KORSHAK has made to Las Vegas.

On January 27, 1963, the following question and answer concerning SIDNEY KORSHAK appeared in "Parade Magazine":

- "Q. I would like to know if a Chicago mouthpiece named Sidney Korshak represents both Jimmy Hoffa and the Chicago syndicate in Las Vegas--F.L., Chicago, Ill.
- "A. Attorney Sidney Korshak reportedly represents the Cleveland interests in the Desert Inn and Stardust hotels of Las Vegas. He is also reportedly the attorney for the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. Korshak is also a friend of such theatrical personalities as Dinah Shore and Debbie Reynolds. His exact relationship with Hoffa is not known."

### Revere Camera Company

A source of information of the Los Angeles Office advised in early 1963 that KORSHAK is an attorney who represents many businesses and many celebrities and that KORSHAK had taken a stand against JAMES HOFFA and his labor union when HOFFA tried to instute a strike at Revere Camera Company in Chicago. KORSHAK, according to this source, was very friendly with in Chicago who was giving nevere Camera Company serious trouble, which included beatings given to loyal Revere employees. Source praised KORSHAK for his opposition to HOFFA but did admit that KORSHAK was friendly with and with the wife of JAMES HOFFA.

### New York State Liquor Authority

Information received from an informant of the Chicago Office reflects that investigators of the New York District Attorney's Office investigating the New York State Liquor Authority were in Chicago in 1962 concerning one of Chicago. Chicago is alleged to have control over certain officials of the State Liquor Authority in New York and of the Illinois State Liquor Control Board in Chicago.

According to informant, is a close associate of both SIDNEY and MARSHALL KORSHAK

According to informant, is a contact man between the KORSHAKS and Control Board.

Informant is of the opinion that if the is able to exert any influence with certain members of the State Liquor Authority that he undoubtedly does so as a representative of the KORSHAKS and not in his own right. Informant

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believes that any conniving might do with the State Liquor Authority or with the Illinois State Liquor Control Board would be done on behalf of and under instructions of the KORSHAK brothers.

The Chicago Office advised that MARSHILL KORSHAK is an official of the Windy City Liquor Distributors in Chicago.

Further, the Chicago Office advised that information was received by that office in the past from another informant that the Gaslight Clubs have switched business from a liquor distributor in Chicago to Windy City Liquor Distributors insofar as bar Scotch is concerned as the KORSHAK brothers had been instrumental in perfecting arrangements made when the Gaslight Club in New York City was opened, insofar as permits and liquor licenses were concerned.

# Dodger Stadium at Los Angeles

During the building of the Dodger daseball Stadium at Los Angeles in connection with parking facilities for the stadium, KORSHAK was represented to Mayor SAMUEL YORTY as the attorney for WALTER O'MALLEY, president of the Dodgers. At a meeting between YORTY, O'MALLEY and other city department heads, O'MALLEY denied that he was represented by KORSHAK and it developed that KORSHAK and others associated with him were interested in offering an attractive bid for the parking lot concession at the stadium.

O'MALLEY had previously contracted for parking with another group but as opening day for the stadium approached if business was to be done by O'MALLEY with this group he was going to have to pay fantastic wages to the attendants who would be required to join a Teamster Union local operating in the entertainment field. However, the group to which KORSHAK belonged could provide workers out of a different Teamsters local having a contract which could be extended to include the Dodger facility.

The offer from the KORSHAK group was accepted by O'MALLEY, and the Concessionaire Affiliated Parking, Inc., a Nevada corporation, chartered February 6, 1962, handled the parking at the stadium. Ownership information concerning Affiliated Parking, Inc., reflects that SIDNEY KORSHAK is a stock holder of the company, owning 12½ shares.

A descriptive paragraph regarding KORSHAK in a business rundown on Affiliated Parking, Inc., sets forth that SIDNEY KORSHAK is married to BERNICE and lives with his wife and two children at 10624 Chalon Road, BelAir, which property he owns, having acquired same from Karl's Shoe Stores, Limited, on or about June 14, 1959. According to this business rundown, during May, 1961, KORSHAK made application for Home Owners Comprehensive Insurance in the amount of \$200,000 on the residence and \$100,000 on personal property. At this time KORSHAK claimed to have a net worth of \$2,000,000 plus. He claimed to be semi-retired but maintains his law practice and another home in Chicago, Illinois.

# The Los Angeles Music Center

Another bid was made by the KORSHAK group, according to a Los Angeles informant, for the parking concession at the Los Angeles Music Center and KORSHAK sent a personal donation of \$50,000 to the building fund, which was returned to KORSHAK after reporters working on the "Los Angeles Times" series on JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA and the Teamsters Union gathered information showing a link between KORSHAK and HOFFA.

In May, 1959, information was received by the Chicago Office that SIDNEY KORSHAK, prominent Chicago attorney, had drawn up the original contract between and wherein was hired as a salesman at a stipulating amount of \$65,000 peryear. For this service

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KORSHAK is alleged to have received a check in the amount of for legal services. In an interview by Agents of the Chicago Office in 1959, KORSHAK denied that he had drawn up the original contract between and whom he had known for many years, had contacted him and presented a contract, asking for KORSHAK's legal opinion as to whether it was a good contract or not. KORSHAK stated he studied the contract, suggested some revisions and returns the contract he believed to however, he is not sure. KORSHAK stated that his recollection concerning this matter was hazy and that he had appeared before the Federal Grand Jury in Chicago investigats connection with had apprised them of the information given to the interviewing Agents. KORSHAK stated that he had given the Grand Jury a figure which he thought was correct regarding his legal fee for handling the above matter; however, a check of his records indicated the figure he had given was in error and the amount charged for this legal service was \$500.

## Stagehand Union

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In 1960 information was received by the Chicago Office concerning the picketing of the Woods Theater in Chicago by the Stagehands Union. The information received from the Chicago Office was that a telephone call had been made by KORSHAK to the attorney representing the Stagehands Union, indicating that the picket line around this theater should be called off and had used curse words to describe the members of the Stagehands The attorney for the Stagehands Union expressed the opinion that there was justification for the picket line and in turn received a second call from an individual suggesting that the picket line be removed and indicated that this call was made since SIDNEY had called him. The law firm representing the theater in this particular case was not represented by KORSHAK's law firm. As an outgrowth of this matter, the National Labor Relations Board was successful in obtaining an injunction against the Stagehands Union, and the informant of the Chicago Office indicated that up until this time they had been quite unsuccessful in obtaining such an injunction.

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### Hilton Hotels

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In February, 1961, information was received from an informant of the Chicago Office that and have large blocks of stock in the Hilton Hotel chain, probably not in their names. This informant advised that these individuars got into the Hilton chain through SIDNEY KORSHAK and in the days when HILTON was starting to acquire numerous hotels.

In 1961 an informant of the Chicago Office advised that 1 is controlled by the "Outfit," specifically by and SIDNEY KORSHAK. This informant stated that this in Unicago and on a nation-wide pasis company was owned by for the company. This informant stated that through KORSHAK, was muscled out of the own orship of the company several years ago. The informant stated that the company is now fronted for by an "Outfit" member, being one The informant stated that Informant stated that worked for the company while still owned it and since left the directs the operations of the company for company, the "Outfit." The informant advised that is a very close friend of S.DNEY KORSHAK and recently accompanied KORSHAK on a trip to Palm Spring: , California.

# Miscellaneous Legal and Business Activities

In 1955, information was received by the Chicago Office that was reported to have an active interest in Las Vegas, Nevada, where is on the scene money is reportedly invested in is reported to have a financial interest in the gambling

wire information service and gambling and in oil in the Houston, Texas, area. It is claimed, according to the source, who furnished the information to the Chicago Office, that SIDNEY KORSHAK, a Chicago attorney, watches the interests of in Las Vegas.

This same source, in 1955 advised that TAKE FREEDMAN, a millionaire, is head of all gambling operations in Houston and is a large wire operator. This informant advised that Las Vegas, Nevada, and partner with KORSHAK in some of their operations.

An informant of the Chicago Office, in 1954, advised that in his opinion the labor racket's webb has as its center SIDNEY KORSHAK and that around the are WURRAY HUMPHREYS and JAKE ARVEY Chicago National Democratic Committeemen from Illinois; ARTHUR X FIROD, an attorney who died in the summer of 1959 an attornev: an attorney; and the law firm of attorneys, at In Chicago. This informant advised that KORSHAK, with LOUIS GREENBERG, own the Seneca Hotel at 200 East Chestnut in Chicago. It is noted that GREENBERG was murdered in gangland fashion in Chicago in approximately 1956 and that it is well known that he was an owner of the Seneca Hotel; however, the information concerning KORSHAK's owr rship of the hotel is open to question. noted, however, that KORSHAK formerly maintained an apartment at the Seneca Hotel.

In 1959 information was received by the Salt Lake
City Office that an attorney by the name of SIDNEY KORSHAK of
Chicago. Illinois, was at the Desert Inn Hotel during the stay
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In 1958 information was received from an informant of the Los Angeles Office that Attorney had been approached by STLNEY KORSHAK about the possibility of representing should be returned to Los Angeles for prosecution. This informant reported that KORSHAK is a big-time Chicago attorney who is the law partner of Colonel JACOB ARVEY, Democratic political leader in Chicago. Source Stated that KORSHAK was leaving for Europe that week but would call from Chicago. This informant indicated it was his understanding was considering opening an office in Los Angeles with KORSHAK as public consultant. This informant also advised that

In 1961, information was received by the Chicago Office which would indicate that negotiations were being carried on whereby the Chicago organization was to obtain a tighter grip on Las Vegas hotels and casinos and that allegedly negotiations were being made through SIDNEY KORSHAK, Chicago attorney, to effect this tighter control of the Chicago group over Las Vegas activities. Also, an informant of the Chicago Office in 1961 indicated that SIDNEY KORSHAK, a well-known criminal attorney from Chicago, was taking part in negotiations wherein was attempting to obtain a loan on property in Las Vegas, which loan was believed to be a Teamsters Union loan.

In 1961 information was received by the Los Angeles Office that in 1951 SIDNEY KORSHAK, a Chicago attorney with numerous contacts in Los Vegas. Nevada, and in California, was handling deals for regarding an investment in in Las Vegas, Nevada. Also in 1961, an informant of the Los Angeles Office advised that an attorney who handled a great deal of business in Las Vegas was SIDNEY KORSHAK, who was possibly the highest-paid lawyer in the world. This informant stated that KORSHAK primarily represented a group in Las Vegas which might be loosely termed the "Chicago group," who, in the opinion of this informant, was the biggest single factor in Las Vegas.

In 1961, information was received by the Los Angeles Office to the effect that reportedly had obtained loans from the Teamsters Pension Fund and that the purpose of the loans was to finance the building of Miami, Florida, and to build an addition to in Las Veras Nevada. Also, information was received at this time that connection with HOFFA and the Teamsters Pension Fund may be through SIDNEY KORSHAK, Chicago attorney.

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In January 1962 information was received that was interested in obtaining the account of a company in which KORSHAK was alleged to have a great deal of influence and was desirous of meeting KORSHAK and that KORSHAK might be influenced in getting this account for

In 1960, information was received by the Los Angeles Office that SIDNEY KORSHAK exerts a great control over the health and welfare resources of the Teamsters Union. Also, this informant advised that KORSHAK also exerts control and is either circulty or indirected a counsel for MAX FACTUR, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, General Dynamics and Thoroughbred Racing Association. Informant indicated that this is only a partial list of KORSHAK's clients, which, according to informant, makes him one of the most powerful individuals in the country.

In 1961, an informant of the Los Angeles Office advised that just prior to the racing season at Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California, which commenced December 20, 1960, a threatened strike by contract employees engaged the interest of SIDNEY KORSHAK and both formerly of Chicago. This labor difficulty, according to the informant, was settled and KORSHAK apparently obtained a substantial fee or interest in the race track as a result of his efforts. This informant stated that this suggests to him that KORSHAK may have a smilar relationship ws a labor-management consultant to Hollywood Park Race Track and that KORSHAK is also making himself available to the Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball Club.

In 1959, during the course of an interview by Agents of the Chicago Office, KORSHAK mentioned that his practice consists largely of representing labor unions and theatrical people. He stated that he and his partner represent the American Distilleries and that they maintain on a permanent basis Room 2001 in the Essex House in New York City.

#### Associates

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In 1958, an informant of the Chicago Office advised that had moved up to an important position in the crime syndicate of Chicago. Informant expressed the idea that SIDNEY KORSHAK, well-known Chicago attorney, is the person who advises top racketeers in Chicago insofar as their legitimate enterprises are concerned. Further, informant stated that is the hoodlum closest to KORSHAK and that this is the basis for the belief that has moved into a high echelon of the syndicate.

During May, June and July of 1958, investigation was conducted to determine the whereabouts of whose presence was desired by the Senate Rackets Committee for testimony in Washington, D.C. KORSHAK was contacted in regard to this matter by the Chicago Office of the FBI because of the friendly association between KORSHAK and tacted in 1958, KORSHAK advised that he did not represent as an attorney but through his wife, BERNICE's, friendship with wife, he knows . Further, at this time KORSHAK advised that in May of that year he had made arrangements with wife so that she could use his Lincoln Continental Mark III while she was in California visiting her mother. At that time KORSHAK indicated he would attempt to get word to should accept the subpoena. In a contact in July, 1958, when attempts were made to contact KORSHAK's wife, KORSHAK contacted the Chicago Office and advised that his wife was in California and was having dinner that night in Beverly Hills with and his wife. In July, 1958, was served with a suppoena in Chicago by a representative of the Senate Racket Committee.

In 1958 executed an application for an apartment in Chicago and in the application he furnished SIDNEY KORSHAK, 134 North LaSalle, Chicago, as a reference. The file maintained by the Lake Shore Management Company concerning the application of contains a letter from KORSHAK dated in 1957, recommending as a man of excellent financial responsibility whom he can recommend as an excellent tenant.

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Also in 1958, during the attempts to locate an informant of the Chicago Office advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK, well-known criminal lawyer, was a close friend of Also in 1958. SIDNEY KORSHAK advised Agents of the Los Angeles Office that and his wife had come to California in the first part of June in that year and he gave them permission to occupy his suite at the Ocotillo Lounge, Palm Springs, California, and gave permission to drive his white Lincoln Continental.

In 1958, gave Mrs. SIDNEY KORSHAK as a reference in applying for a position with and Company, January, 1958.

In 1959 KORSHAK advised Agents of the Chicago Office that he continued his relationship and friendship with to the present time and furnished information that his relationship was due to the friendship of his wife, BERNICE, with the wife of

In 1959 informant of the Chicago Office advised that and SIDYLY KORSHAK were both members of the an exclusive dining club in Chicago.

In October, 1960, an informant of the Los Angeles Office advised that and SIDNEY KORSHAK continued to be seen together in public.

#### HARRY KARL

In 1957, an informant of the Los Angeles Office furnished information to the effect that HARRY KARL, millionaire shoe man, was friendly with a Chicago attorned named SIDNEY KORSHAK. KORSHAK is alleged to have advised KARL to a certain extent in his divorce matter with actress MARIE MC DONALD. Also, this informant advised that on the night of the kidnaping of MARIE MC DONALD, KORSHAK accompanied KARL to the home of his former wife.

Photographs were contained in the "Los Angeles Press" as of the time of the MARIE MC DONALD kidnaping showing KORSHAK and KARL at the home of MARIE MC DONALD on the night of the kidnaping.

In 1959.

weeks, filed divorce proceedings against in Los Angeles Superior Court. At that time information was received by the Los Angeles Office that possibly the marriage was a sham engaged in for the financial convenience of people behind the principal. The speculation was that was fronting for Chicago investors and when he died his estate went into probate and the marriage of and was contrived as a method through which the real investors could regain title to their property without disclosing themselves on public records.

#### TONY MARTIN CYD CHARISSE

In the April 24, 1963, issue of the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" a notation appeared in the column of LOUELLA O. PARSONS that Mrs. SIDNEY KORSHAK returned from Europe with CYD CHARISSE but that their other traveling companion, Mrs. JEAN NEGULESCO, remained in Italy.

In the April 15, 1963, edition of the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" in the LOUELLA O. PARSONS column was reflected that on that date CYD CHARISSE and TONY MARTIN celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary at the Riviera in Las Vegas where TONY is now appearing. The KIRK DOUGLASes and the VINCENTE MINELLIS were all invited to help cut the cake at the anniversary party hosted by the SIDNEY KORSHAKS.

#### DINAH SHORE

In 1961, an informant of the Salt Lake City Office advised that DINAH SHORE appeared at the Desert Inn, having opened there on February/3, 1961. The informant had reason to believe that KORSHAK was possibly associated with SHORE or may handle her contract on behalf of the Chicago group with whom KORSHAK is associated.

In 1961, an article appeared in the "Chicago Sun Times" wherein it was reported that SIDNEY KORSHAK was recently hosted at the home of DINAH SHORE and GEORGE MONTGOMERY in honor of his birthday.

On January 3, 1962, a news clipping from the "Stars on the Desert" reflected that DINAH SHORE saw in her second consecutive New Year with long-time friends, Attorney SIDNEY KORSHAK and his wife. Further, this article reflects that KORSHAK, despite the tossing of confetti and popping of balloons, managed to snag three Palm Springs holiday celebrants, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, TONY MARTIN and DINAH SHORE, for spring playing dates at the Las Vegas Riviera, which he also owns.

On July 30, 1963, the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" reflected in the LOUELLA O. PARSONS column that DINAH SHORE's friends turned out en masse for the dinner BERNICE and SIDNEY KORSHAK gave in their beautiful estate for DINAH and MAURICE SMITH, her new bridegroom. Other individuals present, according to the article, were TONY MARTIN; CYD CHARISSE; BOBBE PERLBERG; the MERVYN LEROYS; RICHARD GULLY; MARY BENNY; JACK BENNY; EDIE and BILL GOETZ; STELLA STEVENS; the JOHN GAVINS; the VINCENTE MINELLIS; the DEAN MARTINS; and JOHN IRELAND and his wife.

# Miscellaneous Associates

On April 9, 1963, SIDNEY KORSHAK was observed at the in Beverly Hills, of which he is a member with and they were later joined by they were all playing cards together.

Office that in company with SIDNEY KORSHAK, was planning to attend the Delmar Meet; however, it was determined that was banned from the track and was discouraged from appearing at the meet with KORSHAK.

In October, 1961, when JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA visited Los Angeldo it was determined that the reservations for HOFFA and were made at the Beverly Hills Hotel by

that the Chicago Office advised of Chicago is closely associated with and SEDNEY KORSHAK and the was instrufor

In February, 1962. Information was received by the Las Vegas Office that in Las Vegas had departed with SIDNEY KORSHAK, well-known Chicago attorney, for a European tour.

An informant of the Las Vegas Office advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK is a close associate of MOE DALITZ and that he visits Las Vegas on a regular basis. While on trips to Las Vegas, according to informant KORSHAK is in contact with DALITZ and other executives

In 1962 an informant of the Chicago Office advised

is associated with JAKE ARVEY and SIDNEY KORSHAK, Chicago

claims to be a/close associate of SIDNEY KORSHAK and an informant of the Los Appeles Office advised that had persuaded to

In 1961, information was received by the Los Angeles Office that J. A. PRITZKER was an officer and owner of the Hyatt House chain of motels, and that this company was arranging a pension fund loan from the Teamsters Union. Listed among the associates of PRITZKER was one SIDNEY KORSHAK, a Chicago attorney.

In 1962, an informant of the Chicago Office advised that SIDNEY KORSHAK, a close associate of MURRAY HUMPHREYS, had become very wary of dining at St. Huberts Old English Grille at 181 East Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, due to the fact that KORSHAK was aware that some of the top members of organized crime in Chicago had recently been frequenting the restaurant. The informant advised that KORSHAK took pairs not to be in the restaurant at the same time as any of these individuals due to the fact that he did not want to be seen by law enforsement officers or officials in their company. This informant described KORSHAK as "one of the biggest guys in the country today who has a pipeline right to the Government in Washington." By this the informant meant to indicate that KORSHAK was friendly with highly-placed Federal officials.

In a previous interview with KORSHAK by Agents of the Chicago Office, KORSHAK had spoken of his close relationship with former Vice President ALVIN BARKLEY, Secretary of Labor ARTHUR GOLDBERG and Illinois Democratic Committeeman JACOB ARVEY.

In 1959, during the course of an interview with Agents of the Chicago Office, KORSHAK mentioned several people woth whom he was friendly. Included among these were United Teamsters of America, and of that union. He also advised that his wife, BERNICE, and their two

children, teenage boys, are taking off with DINAH SHORE, television entertainer, and her oldest child for a two month tour of Europe. Concerning his associates, KORSHAK advised that he has been linked with many people and has become friendly with many people because he will not "back away from anyone or repudiate apybody." To illustrate this, he stated he became friendly dyring the past wears with crime syndicate leader, and he became aware of

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KORSHAK stated that when graduated from the Law School in

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KORSHAK also mentioned during the course of this conversation that he is a member of the Standard Club in Chicago and that he and his wife frequent Fritzel's Restaurant, Don the Beachcomber, the Tradewinds and the Chez Paree.

## Miscellaneous

In July, 1957, SIDNEY KORSHAK was mentioned in the "Readers Digest" article by LESTER VELIE entitled, "How Influence -- Peddlers Short Change the Union Wage Earner." VELIE was featuring the Teamsters Union then-president DAVE BECK's "sweetheart deals" with businessmen, and how such deals were irranged by middlemen such as NATHAN W. SHEFFERMAN. He called SHEFFERMAN "one of a new breed of shadowing operators who use their infource among union men to bring employers and union men together to make a deal," and he called it a union problem which is "most loaded with woe for the worker" in that the union's function is perverted.

An example of such questionable relations was named by VELIE as involving the Englander Company, Incorporated, matress manufacturers in Indiana, and in connection with this the name of SIDNEY KORSHAK was introduced into VELIE's story. He wrote "CAPONE gangster CHARLEY 'CHERRY NOSE' GIOE once

introduced KORSHAK to WILLIE BIOFF, pander and labor racketeer, this way: 'I want you to pay attention to KORSHAK. When he tells you something, he knows what he is talking about. Any message he may deliver to you is a message from us.'" VELIE showed that BIOFF so testified in the million-dollar movie shakedown trial of 1943, "which sent seven CAPONE mobsters to jail." (One who went to jail is the afore-mentioned JOHN ROSELLI).

Continuing, VELIE wrote that KORSHAK had gone on to have powerful friends in Illinois and West Coast politics, in the underworld and in racketeer-tainted unions. He added "he is close to JIMMY HOFFA/ the Mid-west Teamster boss now under indictment on charges of bribing a Senate investigator."

VELIE went on that although KORSHAK is a lawyer who rarely puts his name in a legal document and has seldom appeared in court on labor matters, "SHEFFERMAN finds his services valuable. As SHEFFERMAN's own records show, the two confer frequently...It is not surprising, then, that KORSHAK played a role in the events that led to a substandard contract for the employees in the Indiana plant of The Englander company."

The rest of the VELIE article is devoted to additional illustrations showing the relationship then extant between HOFFA and KORSHAK, and between other Teamster leaders with SHEFFERMAN.

VELIE'S story about the introduction of WILLIE BIOFF and KORSHAK is supplemented in other news media to show that the meeting took place in 1940 at the Bismark Hotel in Chicago and was attended not only by "CHERRY NOSE" GIOE, but by other CAPONE mobsters such as FRANK NITTI, PAUL RICCA and LOUIS CAMPAGNA.

Testifying before the Kefauver Committee in 1950, CHARLES "CHERRY NOSE" GIOE himself admitted frequent meetings with Attorney SIDNEY KORSHAK, his neighbor, at the Seneca Hotel

along with well-known underworld characters including ALEX LOUIS GREENBERG. GIOE's association with SIDNEY KORSHAK and his brother, BERNIE KORSHAK, was still going strong in 1950 at a time when perhaps ten thousand Chicago taverns, cigar stores, newsstands, etc., were reportedly bookie agots. According to Lait and Mortimer's "Chicago Confidential," one king-sized gambling joint connected by direct wire to central synd\_cate headquarters was located at 217 North Clark Street under ownership of TONY ACCARDO and MEL CLARK. They said CLARK, however, was told to "take a walk" and BERNIE KORSHAK took over his interest as a front for GIOE.

In 1958 an informant of the Lcs Angeles Office indicate that SIDNEY KORSHAK had met with Warden WOOLARD, then editor of the "Los Angeles Examiner," and L. D. HOTCHKISS, the managing editor of the "Los Angeles Times" at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California, at which time discussions were entered into which allegedly concerned the political future of Congressman RICHARD RICHARDS of California.

In 1958, a meeting was held, according to information received by the Los Angeles Office, at the home of participated in by

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and SIDNEY KORSHAK. The purpose of this meeting was not known by the informant who furnished this information.

As of this date, KORSHAK continues to maintain his home in BelAir and continues to make frequent trips to both Las Vegas and Chicago.

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Relalet to Bureau, 8/13/63, captioned SIDNEY KORSHAK, aka, which letter forwarded a LMM concerning information regarding KORSHAK, and LAzirtels to Bureau, 8/14,19/6, captioned which airtels reflected investigation being conducted by the Federal Grand Jury into gameling cotivities of and others, which includes of ralm Springs, California.

In pursuing the investigation which had its beginning in Las Vegas concerning the USA's Office at Los Angeles and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) found a series of nine witnesses who declined to answer any questions before the Federal Grand Jury concerning of Chicago, Illineis, who has now taken quarters in the Falm Springs area of California. The USA's Office brought all of the witnesses before the U.S. Ristrict Court at Los Angeles and the witnesses were ordered to testify before the

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Federal Grand Jury regarding any bets or telephone contacts regarding bets that they might have had with investigation has also determined that seven of the nine witnesses were at Los Angeles, Galifornia, and also composserversiving the sum of \$25,000 per annum from of Chicago, Illinois, in connection with an alleged concession as possessed for It was also nan a non-resident membership in the mercan membanahin had t an anonsored by STONEY (OHSHIRA) of , Las vegas, neveds.

The USA's Office in the person of Chief of the Criminal Division, has made an informal request for any information symilable concerning SIDNEY KORSHAK, whom he plans to subpoens before the Federal Grand Jury within the next few weeks regarding and also for any information available regarding the activities of

For the information of the Bureau, in connection with witnesses appearing regarding the witnesses were to make their appearance and testily on 5/21/63. The witnesses dimappear and the information they furnished was not of such a nature that would really have occasioned them to take the Fifth Amendment in the first place, according to the WSA's Office. However, in the early moraing hours of 5/21/63, the residence of the constant of the witnesses, was visited by an unknown person of persons and five .25 caliber bullets were fired through the front kindow. The only damage was to a chandelier and to the window itself. The gan shots had nothing to do with his testimony and the USA's Office, who has taken testimony from agrees that the gan shots had nothing to do with his testimony and the USA's Office, who has taken testimony from agrees that the testimony was of such an innocuous nature that no violence could have possibly stemmed from it, and in the opinion of the USA's Office there would be no Federal violation involved in the shoeting.

It is to be noted, however, that the IRS has been receiving information from a volunteer informat by the name

to the Los Angeles and New York Divisions and infernation econorming him has previously been furnished to the Bureau reflecting his complete enotional instability.

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the effect that he had been carrying money and making threats to several of the vitnesses, including allegedly at the request of It is to be noted that while was under suspension from his position sometime ago, he was found suffering from a jun shot wound of a small caliber which he claimed had been inflicted upon him by persons not wanting him to testify regarding activities at that time it was generally believed that had shot himself in order to alleviate his own troubles and to east suspicion also the limitation of the shots into the sho

It is to be realised that this is pure speculation and the USA's Office at Los Angeles has been advised that can be considered as an emotionally unstable person.

The Bureau is requested to give permission for the Los Angeles Division to disseminate a copy of the LHN dated 8/13/63 on SIDMEY R. KORSHAK to the USA at Los Angeles.

The Chicago Division is requested to furnish to Los Angeles all information available concerning formerly of Chicago. Illinois, where he allegedly operated in the Chicago area during the Typu's.

them all information regarding is received from Chicag, it will be placed in LEM form and disseminated to the USA, Los Angelen, UACE.

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The Bureau has no objection to your disseminating letterhead memorandum regarding Sidney Korshak to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles. However, you should revise this memorandum in order that the tenses of various verbs are adjusted in order to add clarity to the narrative account of Korshak's activities. As an example (and this is only one of a number of instances that should be revised), note the last paragraph of page 11. Although this information was received in 1955, it should not be written in the present tense.

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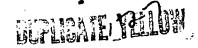
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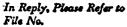
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NOTE: The USA at LA is inquiring into gambling activities in that area through a Federal grand jury. Korshak, a well-known boodlum atterney and associate of racketeers, is expecting to be called as a witness. The USA desired to have benefit of info we had on file concerning Korshak. LA has prepared a letterhead memo for dissemination & CG is in process of doing likewise as Korshak is a resident of the latter city.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California September 17, 1963

#### SIDNEY R. KORSHAK

No specific investigation has been conducted concerning SIDNEY R. IORSHAW but information has come to the attention of the FBI concerning this indivadual.

SIDNEY R. KORSHAK, Attorney, was born in 1907, and was admitted to the practice of law in Illinois, in 1930. He has law offices at 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. KORSHAK is not known to have an office in California, nor is he known to have been admitted to the practice of law in California.

# Residence\*

KORSHAK maintains a California residence at 10624 Chalon Road, in the Bel Air Section of Los Angeles, California. As of 1960, he had unlisted telephone number GR 6-1937.

The Grantor-Grantec Records of Los Angeles County, which give the legal description of the property at 10624 Chalon Road in the Bel Air Section of Los Angeles, reflect that this property was granted to KORSHAK by deed from Karl's Shoe Stores Limited, a corporation. Internal Revenue stamps affixed to the grant deed in the amount of \$58.30 indicate that the purchase price of the property involved was approximately \$53,000. The deed reflected this transfer of property from Karl's Shoe Stores, Limited to SIDNEY KORSHAK was recorded on June 4, 1960.

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